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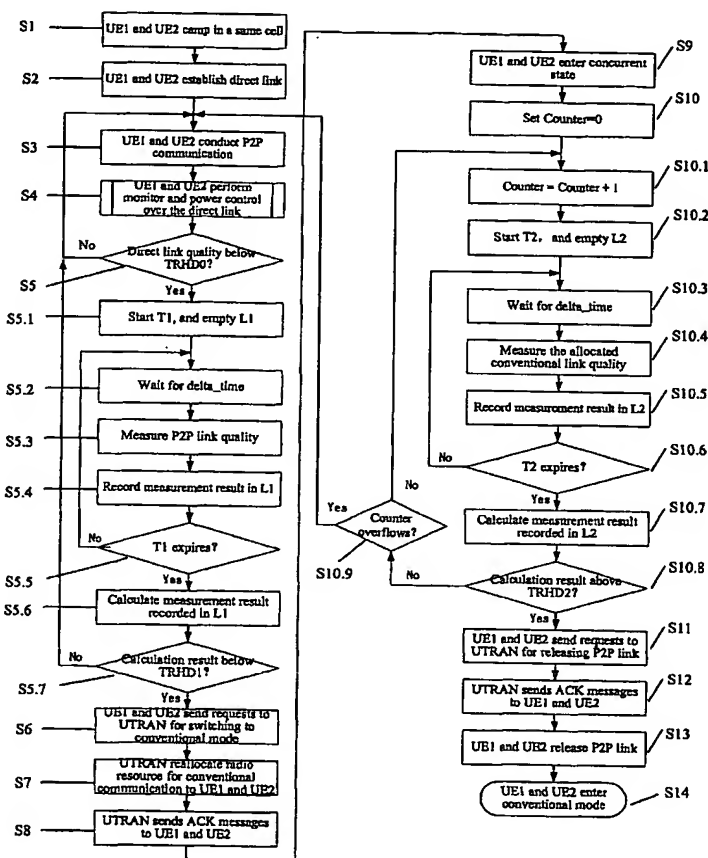
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(57) Abstract: A method in wireless communication systems is provided for switching from P2P (Peer to Peer) communication mode to UP-UTRAN-DOWN (conventional communication mode) and from conventional communication mode to P2P mode, wherein the method performed by a user equipment for switching from P2P communication mode to conventional communication mode comprising steps of: detecting the direct link used by the user equipment in P2P communication with the other user equipment; sending a request for switching to conventional communication mode to a wireless communication network system if the detecting result indicates that the communication quality of the direct link can't satisfy the requirement for P2P communication; and establishing conventional communication connection so as to communicate with said the other user equipment in conventional mode, after receiving the acknowledge (ACK) message of the request for switching sent by the network system.



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